

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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date of birth [redacted] place
of birth Tunis, Tunisia, address [redacted] CA,
telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at the INS
detention facility located at 300 N. Los Angeles St., Los Angeles,
CA. Present during the interview was Los Angeles Police Officer
[redacted] After being advised of the identity of the
interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview [redacted]
provided the following information:

[redacted] was born and raised in Tunis, Tunisia. He first came to the United States on 01/25/1999 on a visitors Visa. He arrived with his mother who stayed for approximately two weeks and then left back home to Tunisia. Shortly after he arrived in Los Angeles he enrolled in a English language school called Concord English Language. After studying there for ten month he began taking computer science classes at West Los Angeles College.

[redacted] goal is to complete his education in the United States, save some money, and then return to Tunisia. [redacted] he is currently being sponsored by a Saudi Arabia named [redacted] LNU in his attempts to obtain a green card. [redacted] is approximately forty-years old and owns a computer/internet company. [redacted]

He began sponsoring in April 2001.

Prior to living at his current address he lived at [REDACTED] in Los Angeles. He lived with [REDACTED] from Sudan. [REDACTED] is approximately [REDACTED] years old, dark complexion, [REDACTED] is currently still living on Leeward, however he is still in Saudi Arabia following the Haj. [REDACTED] attends the King Fahad Mosque.

[redacted] has also worked at Arco gas stations located at [redacted] and at another Arco located at Sunset and San Vicente Avenues. [redacted] has also sold carpets on the [redacted]

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street or swapmeets in the past until he was given a citation for doing so and placed on probation. He would buy his carpets at United Imports [redacted]

[redacted] speaks Arabic, French, and English.

[redacted] has never been to Europe or the Middle East. He has also never been to Pakistan or Afghanistan. [redacted] claims to have never received any military or terrorist training.

[redacted] he is a practicing Muslim who prays five times a day, and expressed repeatedly that Islam is peaceful. He stated that he never drinks, goes to bars or clubs, and does not smoke.

[redacted] expressed hatred for the Taliban/Al Qaeda and said that they were not Muslims.

[redacted] he did not believe that Muslims were involved in the 09/11/2001 attacks on America. He said that Muslims are simple people who just pray and could not have been involved in such a complex operation.

[redacted] he felt extremely sad about the events of 09/11/2001. He said that he has never heard anyone express joy over the terrorist attacks, and has never heard any say that they want to harm the United States because of our current involvement in Afghanistan and the Middle East.

Currently, [redacted] worships at the King Fahad Mosque in Culver City. He said that the Mosque director is named [redacted]
[redacted] He said the Imam is [redacted]

Approximately five to seven months ago he went to Las Vegas with [redacted] (known to investigators as [redacted]) [redacted] is also from Tunisia. They drove to Las Vegas in [redacted] black Volkswagen Golf. [redacted] works as a valet parking attendant at a casino off the 710 freeway.

He went to Las Vegas one other time. [redacted] could not recall exactly when this trip occurred, but he went with [redacted] as well. While on this trip he met a person named [redacted]

Approximately four to five months ago [redacted] went to San Francisco with [redacted]

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[redacted] They rented a van and drove to San Francisco. They stayed for one night and went sight seeing the next day. They went on the trip [redacted] was due to return to Tunisia and had not seen San Francisco while in America.

[redacted] also traveled twice to San Diego. Both times he visited Sea world. The first time that he went was with [redacted] from Sudan. They visited no other places in San Diego while on this trip.

With regards to the second trip that [redacted] took to San Diego he remembered it as an after thought. He said he remembered his second trip to San Diego in the context of two Saudi Arabian nationals who flew into LAX airport and subsequently went to King Fahad Mosque. When asked to provide the sequence of events regarding the two Saudi Arabian nationals [redacted] provided the following:

[redacted] had heard that two Saudi Arabian men arrived at LAX and where met by a person unknown to [redacted]. This unknown person then took the two Saudis to an apartment complex that had already been rented for them. [redacted] stated he could not remember the address, but that it was a large white building located on Sepulveda Blvd. between Venice Blvd. and Palm St.

One or two days after the arrival of the Saudis [redacted] was at the King Fahad Mosque. While at the mosque [redacted] introduced [redacted] to the two Saudis and asked [redacted] if he could help them during their time in Los Angeles because they did not speak english. [redacted] agreed and gave the Saudis his taxi cab business card.

The next day the Saudis called [redacted] and asked him to pick them up and drive them around Los Angeles. [redacted] picked them up at their apartment complex and then drove them around Santa Monica, took them to the beach, and to Hollywood. That day they ate at the Cheesecake Factory and the Mediterranean Restaurant located on Venice Blvd. At the end of the day [redacted] took them back to their apartment complex.

Two to three days later the Saudis called [redacted] again. This time they wanted to go to Sea world in San Diego. They said they would pay [redacted] \$200 plus gas and food for the day if he took them. [redacted] agreed and picked them up at their apartment where he was given \$100 and told he would get the

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remainder after the trip. [redacted] stated they drove straight to San Diego and the only stop that they made was at a gas station. [redacted] could not remember the gas stations location in San Diego. They spent the entire day at Sea world and then returned to Los Angeles. While at Sea world the three of them never met anyone. There were occasions though where [redacted] used the restroom by himself and left the two Saudis alone.

One or two days after they returned to Los Angeles [redacted] called them to receive the remainder of his money. The [redacted] told him that [redacted] would give him the rest of the money.

When asked by investigators who else knew about the two Saudis [redacted] replied that no one at the Kind Fahad Mosque knew about them and that he was told by [redacted]

[redacted] did say that the Saudi Consulate knew about the two Saudis because it was the consulate that told [redacted] to take care of the Saudis.

[redacted] was told by [redacted] that the Saudis were here to see their sick father who was in a local hospital. [redacted] said that the Saudis stayed in Los Angeles for approximately one month and then they returned to Saudi Arabia. When asked if [redacted] knew for a fact that they returned to Saudi Arabia he replied no and that he was just told that they had left Los Angeles.

[redacted] could not remember the Saudis names, but remembered one was approximately [redacted] and the other was approximately [redacted]. [redacted] stated over and over that the two Saudis came to Los Angeles prior to 09/11/2001.

The following is a list of [redacted] friends and associates:

[redacted] driver in Chicago. He is [redacted]
Wired [redacted] \$2000 to bail out [redacted]
from INS custody in Los Angeles.

[redacted] LNU-Flew down from San Jose to help bail [redacted]
and [redacted] from INS custody. [redacted] is
[redacted] is Tunisian.

[redacted] Lives at [redacted] Santa Monica, CA.

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Works for [redacted] at the Metro Cab Company in West Los Angeles. Tunisian.

[redacted] gas station. Tunisian.

[redacted] restaurant at the [redacted] West LA.

[redacted] selling carpets. Drives a [redacted]

[redacted] English School.

[redacted] 710 freeway.

[redacted] Went back to Tunisia. Plans to go to Canada in the future.

[redacted] Taxi driver. Met at King Fahad approximately one year ago. Friends with [redacted]

[redacted] Friends with [redacted] Met at King Fahad. Last saw him on [redacted]

[redacted] Lives on [redacted] in Hollywood. Works for "A" cab company [redacted]

[redacted] Works as security guard in Beverly Hills.

[redacted] Works at a store called "Bluestone" in Hollywood.